**Mrs. Knoche’s Blog Agreement**

**Purpose of the Blog**

The students in Mrs. Knoche’s AP English 11 class at First Colonial High School will be participating in a classroom blog for the following purposes:

Responding to and commenting on curriculum topics

Creating written projects and commenting on each other’s work

Participating in the various stages of the writing process

Practicing several forms of writing

Reviewing and sharing study strategies before tests and quizzes

Practicing taking varied points of view on a topic

Sharing classroom events with families

Sharing special projects, such as the end-of-the-year writing portfolio

Discussing current events

Making classroom suggestions

**Safety**

This blog will be created using a blogging tool at http.//knoche.21classes.com*.*

In the interest of students’ safety, the following restrictions have been configured on the blogging site:

Only the teacher can enter/approve registrations.

Only students, parents, and staff members with a related interest to this class are

allowed to register.

Only registered members can enter the blog.

Only registered members can see student postings.

Only students can comment on each other’s postings.

Only registered members can comment on student postings.

No individual or identifiable profiles are available on the blog.

**Terms and Conditions**

All students and participants in this blogging project must agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Mrs. Knoche will make every reasonable effort to monitor conduct on the class blog in order to maintain a positive learning community. All participants will respect the teacher’s time and professionalism by supporting the same positive approach.

No student or other participant may include any information or images on the site that could compromise the safety of himself or other blog members.

All participants will be respectful in their postings and comments. No trash-talk, inappropriate language, personal insults, profanity, spam, racist, sexist or discriminatory remarks, or threatening comments will be tolerated.

No student or other participant may post, comment, or change settings on the site in violation of these terms and conditions.

All participants must protect their log-in and password information, as well as class passwords (if any). If participants suspect that a password has been compromised, he/she must notify the teacher immediately.

No participant may share his/her log-in information or protected information about the site with anyone who is not a participant. This includes adding trackbacks or other means by which outsiders can access the site without permission.

Any participant who is aware of violations of this agreement by others must report these violations to the teacher immediately both verbally and in writing (email or note).

All use of the blog must be in accordance with the school’s Acceptable Use Policy, including entries made from computers outside of school.

Uncited use of copyrighted material in blog postings, files, or comments will be deemed as plagiarism and punished accordingly.

No posting or comment may facilitate or promote illegal activity, either overtly or by implication.

**Consequences**

Any violation of the above terms and conditions shall make the violator subject to immediate termination from the blog, with all related sacrifice of points toward grades, and to discipline through the school code of conduct, where applicable. At the teacher’s discretion, a warning may be given in the case of minor infractions.

**Signatures**

I agree to the terms and conditions of the class blog for Mrs. Knoche’s AP English 11 class for the 2009 -2010 school year and permit my student to participate in the blogging project.

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